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ADARA conference opens with lecture by RSA commissioner and Boyce Williams tribute

By Katherine DeLorenzo
Hundreds of professionals whose work is geared toward enhancing the lives of deaf and hard of hearing people gathered at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Va., June 1-5 for the 1999 conference of ADARA: Professionals Networking for Excellence in Service Delivery with Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Entitled "Quality Services, Creative Approaches," this year's conference placed special emphasis on the challenge of utilizing existing resources to serve the needs of deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind individuals. To celebrate the longstanding relationship between ADARA and Gallaudet University in providing services for deaf people, an opening ceremony was held June 2 on campus.

Following a picnic on Faculty Row that was hosted by the University, an opening ceremony in GUKCC featured remarks by Dr. Frederick Schroeder, commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Describing Gallaudet as "a beacon of hope for deaf people" nationwide, Schroeder called upon ADARA members and conference attendees to remain watchful of trends in disability law and rehabilitation services that threaten to roll back gains for deaf and disabled individuals, especially in the areas of employ-



Dr. Edna Pannanen Adler shares her memories of working with Dr. Boyce Williams during a tribute to the late educator and rehabilitation counselor. A photo of Williams is shown in the backdrop.


ment and education. He emphasized that an increasing push to merge the specialized field of rehabilitation services into what he called "generic" job training and services may spread resources so thin that instead of helping its intended beneficiaries, it may "end up serving many, many people very poorly."

Access to education remains a special concern for Schroeder, who praised Gallaudet's mission as an example of success in fostering the career advancement of deaf and hard of hearing people. It is education, as well as support for job training appropriate to an individual's needs and capabilities, that will allow deaf, deaf-blind, and disabled individuals to

become "equally represented in all types of employment," said Schroeder.

In addition to presentations by Schroeder, outgoing ADARA President Michele Berke, and conference chairs Dr. Lauri Rush and Dr. Alan Marcus, the latter two of the Gallaudet Mental Health Center, the GUKCC cere-

mony featured a tribute to the late Boyce Williams, a leader in the rehabilitation field. The tribute included stories, anecdotes, and reminiscences about Williams from his colleagues, including Dr. Edna Pannanen Adler, Charlotte Coffield, and David Myers.

The opening remarks were followed by a reception honoring the late Christopher Van Scott, who worked as a counselor at Gallaudet's Mental Health Center. It was also announced that the Gallaudet University Department of Counseling's 25th anniversary would be celebrated during the conference with two events honoring faculty and alumni of the department. 

Seven honored at KDES Recognition Ceremony

By Todd Byrd


Entering high school is a rite of passage for young adolescents that is filled with visions such as hanging out with a cool crowd and learning to drive. But as Dwight Alston pointed out to KDES' seven 1999 graduates at a June 11 ceremony held in their honor, it also has a serious side: "You have four years to become women and men—don't waste it playing."

Alston, the speaker at this year's KDES Recognition Ceremony, and an alumnus of KDES, MSSD, and Gallaudet, practices what he preaches—he has been a residence advisor at MSSD for the past eight years and he will receive a master's degree in deaf education from Western Maryland College this summer. Before addressing the young graduates, Alston said he "reflected on my long experience here on this campus, and I thought, 'What could I say to help you on your path?'"

The answer, he said, is preparedness. "Don't get to be a senior and not know what you want to do," said Alston. He recommended that the students participate in extracurricular activities and community service projects. "The more you get involved, the more likely you will get to know what you want to do with your future," he said. Alston also advised them to respect their teachers and other staff members, and their parents, who he said will be their "kings and queens."

Dr. Katherine Jankowski, PCNMP's director of Demonstration Schools, added that the graduates are completing and embarking on milestones in their lives. "What you learned at KDES you will take with you," said Jankowski, adding that high school "is a whole new road with challenges of its own."

Receiving certificates for completion of their studies at KDES this year were Jennifer Fuentes, Blanca Mendoza, Yancy Navarro, Peter Martin, Daniel Merchant, Christopher Robinson, and Jamie Weinstock.

Special awards went to four of the students: Navarro was presented with the Elizabeth Jackson award, given to a graduate who shows academic promise and leadership potential; Weinstock received the Kendall Home-School Organization's award for academic excellence; Robinson was chosen for KHSO's award for the student who has shown the most improvement; and Martin was given the Art Award. 

MSSD Graduation: Welcoming change with open arms

By Mary Thornley

Pamela Sue Siebert, valedictorian for MSSD's Class of '99, confessed to her classmates at the school's commencement exercises June 12 in Elstad Auditorium that she has often feared change. She said that years earlier, she had been frightened at the prospect of leaving her home in Minnesota to attend high school.

"When I was about 10 years old, my mother found me in my bedroom crying hard," she said. "I told her I did not want to enter high school, I would have to live in an apartment, cooking my own food and paying my own bills." Still, she willed herself to be bold and optimistic. She concluded that change is always with us and must be welcomed.

Shira Ann Leitson-Grabelsky, salutatorian, was more symbolic. High school was "The Experience." Grade school and middle school were "ponds"

through which students waded to get to "the sea"—high school.

But both speakers expressed wholeheartedly that graduation was their reward for overcoming their difficulties.

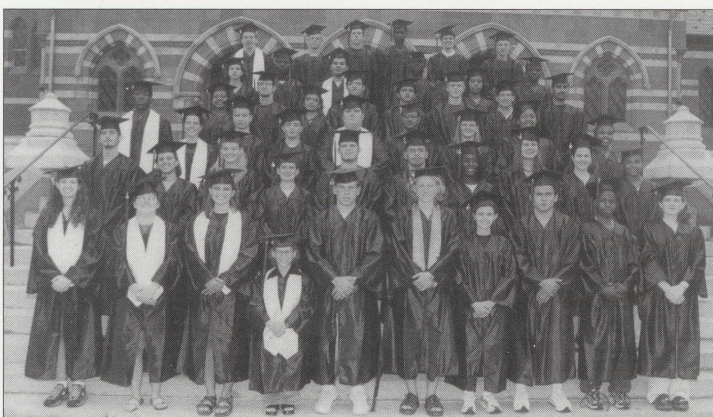
Many others were also recognized at the commencement ceremony. Earl Marshall Allen, Jr. received the 1999 Peter B. Hobbs Award, given to a model student who has been at MSSD for at least three years, demonstrates

loyalty and love for the school, as well as good citizenship, good academic standing, and has contributed to at least two areas of the MSSD community.

Hobbs was a principal at MSSD who passed away in 1987 after many years of service to the school. Upon his death, a scholarship was established in his honor.

Graduating with honors from the Class of '99 were: Siebert,

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The MSSD Class of 1999 poses for the traditional class photo on the steps of Chapel Hall.

UP CLOSE

By Mike Kaika

Sherry Duhon, a 1977 graduate of Gallaudet who serves as assistant director of Public Relations and coordinator of the Visitors Center, was the coach of the Gaithersburg Mets this season. Her husband, Andy, served as the assistant coach.

Sherry's coed team consisted of 11 players, all 7- and 8-year-olds, all deaf, all students at the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, and all but two are children of Gallaudet alumni.

"I love to be with children, so I thought, 'Why not coach a baseball team?'" said Sherry. "This season, I asked the Gaithersburg Recreation Department if I could form a team consisting of all deaf children and they were very supportive of the idea and encouraged me to do so."

Sherry's team of six girls and five boys played Jugs baseball—one notch above T-ball. This is where a machine does the pitching but most of the roles of baseball are followed, except each batter is allowed four strikes or seven pitches. "We had a 1-6 record this season," said Sherry, "but more important is the fun the kids had playing baseball. They showed up every Friday for practice and every Saturday for the game full of enthusiasm and spirit."

The team was like one big, happy family. "There were times when I felt like a mother and a

Sherry Duhon: Coach of the Mets (Gaithersburg Mets, that is)




The Gaithersburg Mets, in their uniforms, are (from left): (second row) Michael Mabashov, Jessica Israel, Corey Balzer, Tony Bush, Lauren Benedict, Chanel Gleicher, Coach Sherry Duhon, (first row) Brandon More, Tandy Lewis, Daniel Katz-Hernandez, Danielle Berrigan, and AJ Weiner.

counselor," said Sherry. "Especially when players struck out and began to cry. I would have to console them, telling them that it was perfectly alright to strike out. That is part of the game." Another time, one of the players who was in the batter's box, stepped out, looked toward the bleachers, and just stood there. Sherry went over to the player and asked, "What's wrong?" The kid said, "My mother is not watching me." So Sherry walked over to the bleachers and asked her to watch her child.

It was a short but wonderful season, Sherry commented. Every team and coach in the league were great and had the philosophy that they were out there to have fun. "It was especially encouraging to see so many parents at the games to cheer their children and watch them play," she said, adding that she is

looking forward to coaching the team again next season.

"I wasn't sure how the other teams and coaches would react to an all-deaf team joining the league," said Sherry. "But, when the season was over I could see both sides benefitted. My team got a lot of positive encouragement from the other coaches when they did something good and the other coaches got to see that my kids weren't any different than any other kids."

David Ludington, recreation program supervisor for the Gaithersburg Recreation Department, concurs. "The reaction to Sherry's team was all positive. Everybody thought it was great," said Ludington. "One coach said to me, 'I can't sign, but I know exactly what they're saying because I'm saying the same thing to my team.'" 

AMONG OURSELVES

Evaluative Research in Recreation, Parks, and Sports Settings (Sagimore Publishing, 1999) is the title of a new publication authored by **Dr. Carol Riddick**, a professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation.

Dr. Benjamin Bahan, chair of Gallaudet's Deaf Studies Department, was a featured speaker at the annual convention of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), held in New York City in March.

English Professor **Lois Bragg** was one of the keynote speakers at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Society for Disability Studies, held in Washington, D.C., May 27-30. Her topic was "Deaf Studies as Precursor to Disability Studies?" Also serving as moderator for a panel on disability and employment was **Dr. Sharon Barnartt**, sociology professor and 1998-99 Distinguished Faculty member.



Mary Thornley's "Milan, Italy 1880 II."

Mary Thornley, 1998-99 artist-in-residence at Gallaudet and a writer for the Office of Public Relations, was mentioned in the May/June 1999 issue of *Gallery & Studio*. Thornley's paintings were among a number of works by deaf women artists


shown during a recent Ceres Gallery exhibit in New York City.


English professor and acclaimed artist **Dr. Barbara Hardaway** is presenting a solo exhibition of collages and assemblages at the Strathmore Hall Arts Center in Bethesda, Md., during the month of June. A press release for Hardaway's exhibit praises her ability to "transform everyday objects into vibrant and fantastical constructs." Hardaway will show other examples of her art at the upcoming group show "Common Bond," which runs from June 18 through July 24 at Strathmore. Hardaway's work will be discussed in a gallery walk-through and lecture, which is free and open to the public, on Wednesday, June 30, at 7 p.m. Strathmore Hall Arts Center, located at 10701 Rockville Pike, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Mike Lockhart has been named acting purchasing manager for the Purchasing Department. The department is in the process of implementing a purchasing card program and the PeopleSoft purchase order system. Lockhart will lead these new initiatives, start a dialogue with faculty, teachers, and staff about their purchasing needs, provide daily oversight to ongoing purchasing activities, and assist with contracts administration.

intendent of the South Dakota School for the Deaf from 1989 to 1991, state director of services for the deaf and hard of hearing in North Carolina from 1991 to 1997, and special assistant to the executive director of the National Association of the Deaf from 1997 to the end of 1998. Since January, he has been working for South Dakota's Communication Service for the Deaf.

The graduates were jubilant, cheering the speakers enthusiastically, signing to the audience as they marched forward to accept their diplomas.

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ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

I love sports and think the new addition to the Field House is great. I've been swimming in the pool and enjoy it very much. And soon the track around the football field will be fixed. I can't wait. I have a hearing friend who thinks all deaf people are sports nuts. Maybe we are (smile).

Proud to be a Jock

Dear Jock,

How right you are about the Field House annex. It is positively grand. Your letter reminded Auntie of a newspaper story she read recently about the new \$19 million athletic center built at Harvard, supposedly the world's "brainiest"

university. The fancy center has 16 squash courts, six tennis courts, a weight room—and NO showers! Imagine all the smelly smart people on that campus!

Surely your friend's comment that all deaf people are passionate about sports was made in jest. You and I know many, many deaf people who don't know the difference between a double bogey and a double play; who would rather eat ground glass than watch the Superbowl; and who think "Air Jordan" is a cute nickname for the president of Gallaudet.

Still, I'd have to agree that there certainly are plenty of sports lovers who happen to be deaf—and I'd even wager that a large percentage of them work at Gallaudet. Which raises an interesting point: with so many "sports nuts" around here, why aren't

there more of them at our various athletic events? I urge everyone, nuts and non-nuts alike, to be vigorous in supporting our student athletes. Become a Bison Booster.

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Gold Eagle (3.75-4.00); Allen, Kristen Fredericks, Steve Gagnon, Karla Konkell, Leitson-Grabelsky, Stephanie Rathburn, Patrick Rosenberg, Fouad Shenouda, Melissa Siegert, Silver Eagles (3.25-3.74); and Tamara Suiter, Bronze Eagle (3.00-3.24).

The commencement speaker was Dr. Frank Turk, '52. Turk, a renowned educator, worked at Gallaudet University from 1952 to 1984, then he served as the dean of Student Life at MSSD until 1989. As dean, he developed and implemented a student life program that has been emulated nationwide. After his career at Gallaudet, Turk served as super-



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